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Response to Final Office Action

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This is in response to the final Office action mailed from the Patent Office on January 14, 2005. Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time until June 14, 2005 to respond to the Office action and to maintain pendency in this case. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any other fee that may be due for entry of this paper to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for discussing with the Applicant's attorney the proposal for responding to the only remaining rejections in the Office action for the above-identified patent application. In the Office action, the Examiner considered the pending claims and rejected them under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and/or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), in whole or in part, by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2002/0138389A1 to Martone *et al.* ("Martone"). As provided in M.P.E.P. section 706.02(k), Applicants submit on even-date a single application claiming benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 that combines the subject matter of the co-pending Martone application with the subject matter of the present application. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added in the combined application. As such, Applicants submit that the claims of the combined application overcome the remaining rejections, and are patentable. A copy of the combined application is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants thank the Examiner for agreeing to review the combined application in an expedited fashion.